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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GLADYSZ ET AL.

Examiner

KARL J. PUTTLITZ

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

While not acquiescing in Applicant's remarks regarding support for a solid absorbate in the Eckert provisional application, the rejection under section 103 is withdrawn since applicant have established a date of invention which antedates the provisional application date of Eckert.

The following new grounds of rejection are now entered:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

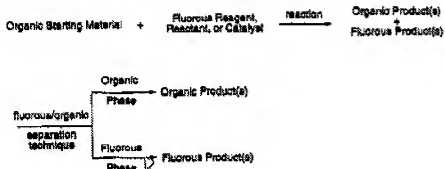
The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,861,544 to Curran et al. (Curran).

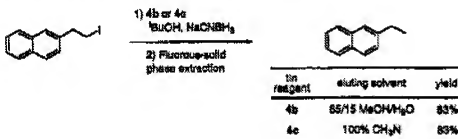
Curran teaches a method of carrying out a reaction comprising the steps of: mixing at least one organic reaction component with at least one fluorous reaction component, carrying out a reaction to produce an organic product; and after producing the organic product, separating any excess of the fluorous reaction component and any fluorous byproduct of the fluorous reaction component using a fluorous separation technique, as shown by the following figure:

Figure 1: A Schematic Illustration of the Use of a Fluorous Reaction Component in an Organic Transformation



Solid phase extraction is also exemplified:

Figure 4: Representative Reactions of Fluorous Tin Reagent Bearing One Fluorous Chain.



See also columns 4 which describes that separation of the fluorous reaction components of the present invention and any fluorous byproducts thereof from organic products and other organic compounds is achieved by using fluorous separation techniques that are based upon differences between/among the fluorous nature of a mixture of compounds. As used herein, the term "fluorous separation technique" refers generally to a method that is used to separate mixtures containing fluorous molecules or organic molecules bearing fluorous domains from each other and/or from non-fluorous

compounds based predominantly on differences in the fluororous nature of molecules (for example, size and/or structure of a fluororous molecule or domain or the absence thereof). Fluororous separation techniques include but are not limited to solid phase extraction or chromatography over solid fluororous phases such as fluorocarbon bonded phases or fluorinated polymers.

The difference between the process covered by the rejected claims and the process described by Curran is that cUrran fails to explicitly teach a nonfluororous reaction solvent. However Curran teaches that tin oxide reaction components of the invention can also be used to catalyze the mono-tosylation of diols under the conditions reported by Martinelli. No fluorinated reaction solvent or cosolvent is needed. Simple purification of the crude reaction mixture by liquid-liquid extraction or solid-liquid extraction provided the pure organic tosylate (organic phase) separate from the recovered tin oxide, see column4. Thus the absence of fluororous solvent is prima facie obvious.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl J. Puttlitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-0645. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached at telephone number (571) 272-0871. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Karl J. Puttlitz/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1621